THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Funds amounting to Rs. 3.98 crore were released till, 1993-94 taking into account total schemes approved for the State total funds released to the State, balance of operative sanctions in hand, inter-se priority on all-India basis and availability of funds. As such, it is too early to indicate the amount likely to be made available to Rajasthan Government under Central Road Fund during 1994-95.

Construction of new National Highways in North Eastern Region

5805. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct New National Highways in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof Statewise and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also propose to widen the existing National Highways of North Eastern Region;

(d) if so, details thereof Statewise and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to make any improvements on National Highways of North-Eastern Region from safety as well as beautification point of view; and

(f) if so, details thereof Statewise and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Widening of National Highways is a continuous process and is undertaken keeping in view traffic intensity, safety etc. within the funds available. Widening of 470 km of National Highways in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura are in various stages of progress. In addition to this, 116 km of National Highways in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur are also provided in the 8th Plan period.

Scheme to Revive Sick Shipyards

5806. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has finalised the scheme for revival of sick shipyards and modernisation of port facilities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Paradeep Port in Orissa has been included under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Scheme for revival of sick shipyards*;

(i) The price of an ocean-going ship will be fixed on the basis that the public sector yard would participate in an open tender and be permitted to match the lowest bid and thereafter be entitled to 30% extra price over the above price, 20% being payable by Government and 10% by the shipowner;

(ii) Loans at concessional rate of 9% to the extent of 80% of

the cost of a ship will be given to the shiping companies placing orders with the Indian yards;

(iii) Fixation of price in terms of US $/Japanese Yen as protection against the foreign exchange fluctuation; and

(iv) Subsidy will be released by the Government alongwith the stage payments.

The concession at (i) above will be admissible for two years.

Scheme for modernisation of port facilities

So far as modernisation of port facilities in the country is concerned, an outlay of Rs. 2984.00 crores has been provided in 8th Plan 1992—97 for various projects aiming at development and modernisation of the major ports in the country. In Annual Plan 1993-94 and 1994-95, the outlays provided for this purpose are Rs. 584.34 crores and Rs. 419.50 crores respectively.

(c) Yes, sir.

Work on Alwaye-Ernakulam Section of NH-47

5807. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the work for doubling of Alwaye-Ernakulam section of National Highway 47 has been started;

(b) what will be the approximate cost;

(c) by when the work will be completed;

(d) what are the new facilities which will be offered when the work will be completed; and

(e) how much fund has so far been spent on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The work for doubling and improvement has been started in Alwaye to Shertalai section of NH 47 including Alwaye Ernakulam section in question. The sanctioned cost of the entire project is Rs. 60.59 crore and an amount of Rs. 17.35 crore has been spent upto 31-3-94. The project is likely to be completed by September, 1997 and will reduce congestion and travel time on its completion.

Madras Mahabalipuram Road of East Coast Highway

5808. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the plan for widening and re-laying Madras-Mahabalipuram Road of East Coast Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any more paper/project regarding the East Coast Highway is presently pending before Government for its approval; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Constitutionally the Central Government is concerned with the development and upkeep of the National Highways in the country and all other roads are the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. East Coast Road being a State road, Government of Tamil Nadu are primarily concerned with its development. Madras-Mahabalipuram road which is part of East Coast Road from Madras to Cuddalore is being developed with Asian Development Bank loan assistance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.